

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A screw or a tapping screw made of steel with an ultra fine structure of ferrite grains having a 13 μm or less average grain size and a nitride layer in a surface part, wherein the nitride layer in the surface part has a 100 μm or less thickness, hardness of the nitride layer of the surface part is 563~~560~~ or more in Vickers hardness, ferrite in the vicinity of the nitride layer has a 1 μm or less average grain size, ferrite of a core part has a 3 μm or less, and hardness of the core part is 199-345~~199-450~~ in Vickers hardness.

Claims 2-20 (Canceled)